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Via ECFS  
Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

**Re: In the Matter of Petition of USTelecom for Forbearance Pursuant to  
47 U.S.C. Section 160(c); WC Docket No. 18-141; Category 1**

Dear FCC,

Having been on the Internet since the early 1980s (and direct-to-computer modems since the early 1970s), I've seen it evolve from dial-up to DSL to faster, more reliable technologies. I've also seen local providers enter the market, creating competition that's been a boon to consumers in both price and service. Broadband internet is no longer a nice-to-have, it's a must-have for both business and home, and the more providers, the better. It is essential that we prohibit any one company from gaining a monopoly on key elements required for new providers to enter the market.

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